THE SPANISH ALARM

There is newly come to Plymouth a sea captain with news that the King of Spain hath a mind to be here in a few days with 70 galleys and 100 ships, in which come 30,000 soldiers This Captain is but lately come from Brest, where it was reported that the Spanish fleet would be there in three or four days, and that it was openly rumoured at the Groin that the King himself will lead the fleet Of late he has cut off the heads of two of his noblemen because they counselled him not to attempt this enterprise, and he says that he will make his finger heavier to England than was his father's whole body

It is likely that if this design of the enemy be for the Thames or Kent they will come with their ships and galleys so close aboard the coast of France that neither her Majesty^s ships, being to the westward, nor those in the Narrow Seas may discover them till they come too near The fishermen of Dover and Rye are ordered continually to ply over as near the coast of France as they may, and upon discovery of the enemy to return with true and speedy advertisement

%th August MASTER EDWARD COKE'S LADY

The Lady Hatton is recently brought to bed of a daughter, which stops the mouth of the old slander It was christened with great solemnity, the Queen, by her deputy the Lady of Oxford, and the Countess Dowager of Derby being godmothers, and the Lord Treasurer godfather

5*i *August.* THE FORCES MUSTERING

Order is now given for a camp to be raised whereof the Lord Admiral to be General, the Lord Mountjoy Lieutenant, Sir Francis Vere Marshal, and the Earl of Northumberland General of the Horse Twelve of the Queen's ships are preparing in all haste, whereof the Lord Thomas Howard to be

Admiral, Sir Walter Ralegh Vice-Admiral, Mr Fulke Greville Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Gerrard was appointed Colonel of the Londoners, but for an old grudge since the last Parliament they would none of him, whereupon the Earl of Cumberland was given them to have charge of them and the river, which he undertakes with great confidence, meaning to make a bridge somewhat on this side of Gravesend after an apish imitation to that of Antwerp,